मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि बेनर्जी कमेटी और दुधानी कमेटी की रिपोर्ट के बारे में सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

SHRI R. PRABHU: Sir, the main question is not about import of pesticides. The main question is about the management system. I think, the information given in the statement fully answers the question of the hon. Member.

As far as the quantum of imports is concerned, I do not have the figure right now. I can send it to the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't you have **enough so that you have to import?** That was his question

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : आपको जवाब नहीं है (व्यवधान) तो स्थगित कर दीजिये (व्यवधान) क्योंकि एस एन बनर्जी कमेटी की रिपोर्ट और दुधानी की रिपोर्ट में जो रिकमैंडेशस है उनको आप सदन के पटल पर रखिए ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is **over.**

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Report of the working group on the FCI & HFC

*401. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total losses so far of the Fertilizer Corporation of India and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation; and

(b) whether Government have since received the recommendations of the Working Group appointed in June, 1986 to examine the functioning and financial affairs of the Fertilizer Corporation of India and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and also of a German firm, M/s Krupp Koppers; if so, what are those recommendations and Government's response to each one of the same?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) As on 31st March, 1987 accumulated losses of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) were Rs. 836 32 crores and Rs. 518.69 crores respectively.

The recommendations of the task force which was set up to go into the working of FCI and HFC were received in December, 1986. The conclusions and recommendations of the Task Force are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 124] While recommendation of the Task Force are under examination, action is already under way in regard to a few matters included therein such as processing of proposals for limited rehabilitation of the Ramagundam and Gorakhpur plants of FCI, appointment of consultants for the end-to-end survey of the operating units of HFC allocating power from the Super Thermal Power Station for the Ramagundam unit etc. Non plan financial support has also been provided to these companies to tide over their immediate liquidity problems.

The major recommendations of M/s Krupp Koppers, West Germany, who carried out the end-to-end survey of the two coal-based plants at Ramagundam & Talcher are:

1. Modification of the existing Air Separation plant;

2 Additional gasification stream;

3. Additional coal preparation stream;

4. Atmospheric Ammonia storage capacity for 5,000 MT; and

5. Additional 140 MT per hour HP boiler for Ramagundam and two nos. of 180 MT per hour HP boilers alongwith 60MW captive power plant for Talcher.

For the implementation of all the recommendations of M/s Krupp Koppers, an investment of Rs. 253.54 crores is required for Talcher unit and Rs. 157.56 crores for Ramagundam unit Due to financial constraints, it has been decided to proceed with the Phase-I—Rehabilitation scheme of Ramagundam Unit only during the VII Five Year Plan. Some of the minor recommendations made by M/s Krupp Koppers have already been implemented and some are under implementation.

Wharfage/Demurrage paid by NCCF

*404. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had charged Rs. 36 lakhs recently from the NCCF towards wharfage and Demurrage for not unloading in time a rakeload of coal at Panipat due to the negligence of the NCCF's Branch Incharge, Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the waiving of Rs. 34 lakhs by the Railways, the NCCF had to pay Rs. 2.5 lakhs to the Railway Authorities;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the total loss to the NCCF in this regard; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been made in the matter and if so, what action has been taken against the guilty officers of the NCCF for causing avoidable losses to the NCCF?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) As reported by the NCCF, the railways claimed an amount of Rs. 36 lakhs from the Federation as average and demurrage charges for not unloading the coal rake at Panipat in time. On representations made by the NCCF, the railway authorities have waived off 95 per cent of the wharfage and 80 per cent of the demurrage charges. The Federation had to finally pay Rs. 2.05 lakhs to the railways for taking delivery of the consignment. This wharfage/demurrage charges had to be paid due to negligence on the part of the handling agent and would be recovered from the agent. The NCCF has reported that it is not likely to suffer any loss in this transaction.

NDDB's Embryo Transfer Technology

*406. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NDDB's Embryo Transfer Technology project was to concentrate on buffaloes but in actual practice it is concentrating on cows and that the actual cost of each calf born is estimated to be around Rs. 1 lakh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NDDB has imported 800 heifers and 80 bulls from Germany even though it had a large number of surplus bulls in its aided farms and that the cost of each heifer being Rs. 25,000, a subsidy of about Rs. 20,000 had to be given on each animal to enable the farmers to buy these animals; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir Embryo Transfer Technology (ETT) project is for improving the productivity of both cattle and buffalo herds. The estimated cost of a calf born works out to Rs. 1400 is cow and Rs. 2400 in buffalo.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The imported stock is a valuable genetic resource and is far superior to animals avail-